

CLAIMS

1. A search support device in which an address indicating a location of information
5 accessible on a network is registered, the device comprising:
 - a search unit that determines a category of an address designated for registration based on a definition entry and a selection record of a menu;
 - 10 and
 - a registration unit that registers an address in the category.
2. The search support device as claimed
15 in claim 1, wherein the registration unit registers the address designated for registration in the category containing the registered address when located at the same level as the address designated for registration.
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3. A search support method by which an address indicating a location of information accessible on a network, the method comprising the steps of:
 - 25 determining a category of an address designated for registration based on a definition entry and a selection record of a menu; and
 - registering an address in the category.
- 30 4. A search support device in which a search process for an address indicating a location of desired information on a network is requested based on search information associated with the information, the device comprising:
 - 35 a category menu storage unit that stores a category menu in which predetermined categories are listed up; and

a search information generating unit that generates search information associated with a category selected from the category menu.

5 5. The search support device as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

10 a display unit that displays an address in another form indicating the location of desired information detected based on the search information generated by the search information generating unit; and

15 an address registration unit that registers the address in the category menu when the address indicates information that can be accessed.

15 6. The search support device as claimed in claim 5, further comprising an address selection unit that selects the address registered in the category menu so as to make an access to the 20 location of the desired information.

25 7. The search support device as claimed in claim 5, further comprising an icon conversion unit that visually changes the category in which the address is registered by the address registration unit.

30 8. A search support method by which a search process for an address indicating a location of desired information on a network is requested based on search information associated with the desired information, the method comprising:

35 storing a category menu in which predetermined categories are listed up; and

35 generating search information associated with a category selected from the category menu.

9. A recording medium which stores a program for a computer to perform an operation with a search support device that registered an address indicating a location of accessible information on a network, the program comprising:

5 a procedure for classifying the address in accordance with a category related to information that can be accessed at the address; and

10 a procedure for registering the address classified in accordance with the category.

10. A recording medium which stores a program for a computer to perform an operation with a search support device that requests a search process for an address indicating a location of desired information on a desired network based on search information associated with the desired information, the program comprising:

15 a procedure for storing a category menu in which predetermined categories are listed up; and

20 a procedure for generating search information associated with a category selected from the category menu.

25 11. The recording medium as claimed in claim 10, wherein the program further includes a procedure for generating the category menu.